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Fire Prevention Day--Friday, October 8th.

Gov. Richard I. Manning has issued a proclamation designation Friday, October 8, as Fire Prevention Day. The Kingstree Hardware Co., who are always on the alert, are prepared to assist you in the proper observance of this day. We have the justly celebrated **Baxter Fire Extinguishers** in stock and can sell them to you at factory prices. Come and see them. Hanging one or more up in convenient places in your home, place of business, ginney, garage, stables or barn may prevent a disastrous fire and may be the means of saving the life of your loved ones or of saving many thousands of dollars. It will cost you but very little to prepare for an emergency. The wise man looks forward and prepares, while it is the foolish man who has to console himself with regrets. Be wise and call on and purchase from

Coffins and Caskets.

Kingstree Hardware Co.
EVENTUALLY--WHY NOT NOW?

We Lead--Others Follow.

PARTIAL RETURNS ON WHISKY VOTE.

WITH CLARENDON AND MARION
MISSING, PROHIBITION WINS
BY 24,000 MAJORITY.

Complete and certified returns of the referendum election from 42 of the 44 counties of South Carolina, as filed with the Secretary of State, give for prohibition 40,581 votes and against prohibition 16,538 votes. The counties from which complete returns have not been received are Clarendon and Marion.

The State board of canvassers, which was called to meet Tuesday of last week to declare the result of the election September 14, will meet October 5 at the call of the chairman, Secretary of State R M McCown. The vote was not declared last Thursday because complete returns had not been received from all counties.

The vote by counties, exclusive of Clarendon and Marion, is as follows:

County.	Dry.	Wet.
Abbeville	723	245
Aiken	1,126	315
Anderson	1,985	817
Bamberg	448	232
Barnwell	543	488
Beaufort	203	164
Berkeley	248	186
Calhoun	346	185
Charleston	370	2,607
Cherokee	1,209	259
Chester	625	234
Chesterfield	887	496
Clarendon		
Colleton	801	226
Darlington	1,152	149
Dillon	494	162
Dorchester	454	497
Edgefield	710	70
Fairfield	453	138
Florence	1,514	362
Georgetown	319	154
Greenville	4,066	1,028
Greenwood	1,172	234
Hampton	545	227
Horry	861	727
Jasper	152	46
Kershaw	620	335
Lancaster	989	202
Laurens	1,416	370
Lee	473	236
Lexington	1,405	572
Marion		
Marlboro	828	38
Newberry	1,170	398
Oconee	1,108	162
Orangeburg	1,415	493
Pickens	1,028	315
Richland	1,257	784
Saluda	787	136
Spartanburg	3,338	1,251
Sumter	652	244
Union	1,281	427
Williamsburg	565	132
York	813	164
Total	40,581	16,538

Veterans of the War Between the States, gathered at Washington this week for the annual encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. They were formally welcomed to the Capital by President Wilson, who told them their battles fifty years ago were fought for the greatest instrumentality for the uplift of mankind the world has ever seen might not be impaired.

Charles E Danner, Mayor, and W F Marscher, councilman, will continue as members of the Beaufort city council, the recall election held there Tuesday having been carried by them by large majorities. This election will probably end a bitter municipal political strife that has been at fever heat for several months.

Church Festival.

Friday, October 15, there will be a festival at the residence of Mr J K Smith, Bloomingdale, for the benefit of the Baptist church. There will be music and plenty of good things to eat. The public is invited to attend and help the cause.

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MANY KILLED AND INJURED

When Car of Gasoline Explodes.
Buildings Wrecked.

Ardmore, Okla, September 27:—At least two score dead, two hundred persons injured and property damage of approximately \$500,000 tonight were considered conservative estimates of the havoc wrought here today by the explosion of a car of gasoline in the Santa Fe Railroad yards.

Thirty-one bodies had been taken from the ruins of wrecked buildings before midnight. At that hour a large part of the wreckage still was unexplored. Of the known dead nineteen were white persons.

The force of the explosion wrecked a dozen or more buildings in the immediate vicinity of the railroad yards and scattered burning oil over the business district, starting fires which for a time threatened to sweep through the city.

The fires were brought under control early tonight. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. Several men were at work on the car repairing a leak at the time, and one theory advanced was that a spark from a hammer ignited the escaping gas fumes. The bodies of the workmen were torn to fragments.

IMPORTANT TO EXHIBITORS.

No Entrance Fee to be Charged on
Farm or Household Exhibits.

It has come to the attention of the officers of the Williamsburg County Fair association that a number of people throughout the county are under the impression that a fee will be charged on all exhibits. They wish to make it plain that such is not the case. There will be no entry charges on any farm or household exhibits by citizens of the county, and all parties desiring to enter exhibits are requested to secure entry blanks, fill out and return same to the secretary, Mr G A McElveen, at Kingstree, as soon as possible. A great many entry blanks have been sent out by mail, but if there are any who have not received them, and desire to make an exhibit at the fair, they will be cheerfully furnished by the secretary upon request. Don't delay this matter. Fill in your entry blanks and file them with the secretary as soon as possible so the officers in charge may know what to provide for.

Items of General Interest.

Bularia has notified the Teutonic allies that she will enter the war October 15.

Senator E D Smith predicts that cotton will go beyond 15c a pound in the near future.

Constantine Dumba, Austro-Hungarian Minister to the United States, has been recalled by his government and there is much gratification at Washington in consequence.

Conversation was carried on yesterday by wireless telephone between Arlington, Va, and Mare Island, Cal, a distance of 2,500 miles. It is hoped to develop the system even farther.

"A report, which has been confirmed from a good quarter," says a dispatch from Petrograd, "is that the 41st German army corps was overtaken by the flooding of the Pinsk marshes and, being unable to escape, nearly the whole of the corps perished."

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To make room for our fall stock we are making special prices on Cook Stoves and wire Fencing. Come in, let us show you and make you prices.

WILLIAMSBURG HARDWARE COMPANY,
Headquarters for Guaranteed Goods.

BREEZY NEWS LETTER FROM LAKE CITY.

MOCK MARRIAGE---RETURNED
MISSIONARY IN TOWN---SO-
CIAL AND PERSONAL ITEMS.

Lake City, September 28:—Last Tuesday evening a marriage was solemnized at the school auditorium, Rev Wm Epps officiating. The bride, Miss Verdesa, is the charming young daughter of Rev and Mrs W H Whitehead, and the groom, Mr Horace Nachman, is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs H Nachman, all of this place. A large number of guests were present at the ceremony, among whom were Mr and Mrs W Howard Taft, Mr and Mrs Roosevelt, Gov and Mrs Manning and others. The bride was attired in a lovely white satin gown with veil and carried a shower bouquet and was a picture of youthful beauty. Immediately after the ceremony the guests and bridal party were tendered a banquet. While the guests were arriving Miss Mayme Green (Miss Lessie Joyner) sang "I Love You Truly", and Miss Eva North (little Miss Mary Williams) sang "Because", and the grandparents of the bride sang "When You and I Were Young, Maggie". At any rate, the audience was well pleased with the performance, and as none of the performers were older than ten years, it was indeed a rare treat, especially to those who are fond of children. One-third of the proceeds was given to the Mothers' club for the purpose of investing in beautifying the grounds at the school house.

Rev Mr Crossland and family have moved to Lake City, where they will remain for some time. Mr Crossland has been doing missionary work in Brazil for the past several years. Sunday evening at the Baptist church he delivered a very interesting lecture on his work as an exponent of the Gospel. A large audience enjoyed his talk.

Dr and Mrs W S Lynch, accompanied by their young daughter and W S, Jr, and Miss Cornelia Petty of Culpepper, Va, governess in the home of Dr and Mrs Lynch, motored over Monday afternoon from Scranton.

Mrs Fannie Lee of Scranton is spending a while here with her daughter, Mrs W E Carter.

Mrs SWG Shipp of Florence spent Monday in town, the guest of her sister, Mrs J M Sturgeon.

A general exodus of the tobacco

buyers was noticeable last week. The markets closed here on the 20th and the buyers, bookkeepers and warehousemen left for markets in North Carolina and other States.

Mr and Mrs J M Truluck and Mrs M C Scutliffe returned last evening from Tate Springs, where they have been spending some time.

Mrs Harry Wynne entertained the Booklovers' club last Wednesday afternoon. Punch was served in the reception hall, and after the business of the afternoon was transacted an ice course was served.

Mr and Mrs V R Howle have returned from their honeymoon trip to the mountains of North Carolina and are now at home to their many friends at the home of Mr and Mrs J P Matthews, on North Acline avenue. L B N.

FIVE NEGROES ELECTROCUTED.
All Die Without Confessing Their Guilt.

Columbia, September 29:—In expiation of the crime of murder five negroes were electrocuted at the State penitentiary today, one hour and ten minutes being the entire time consumed in carrying out the stern mandate of the law. The negroes went to their deaths without having confessed their guilt of the crimes for which they paid the death penalty, four of them protesting their innocence to the last and the other without any reference to the murder. The electrocutions today established a new record for South Carolina since the substitution of the electric chair for the gallows. The greatest number heretofore to pay the death penalty in one day was two.

The electrocutions began at 11:10 o'clock and were over at 12:20. It took the largest number of amperes at the State penitentiary to kill one of the negroes, Tom Griffin, thirteen being required.

Four of the negroes, Meek Griffin, Tom Griffin, John Crosby and Nelson Brice, were electrocuted for the murder of John Q Lewis, an aged Confederate veteran of Chester county, the night of April 24, 1915. Joe Malloy, the other negro electrocuted, was sentenced to death for the murder of Prentis Moore and Guy Rogers, two white boys of Marlboro county, Thanksgiving day, 1910, while the youths were out hunting. This last case had been appealed to the highest courts of the land and in each case the decision of the lower court was affirmed.

Why The Detroit-Vapor Stove Leads.

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The King Hardware Company
Kingstree, - - South Carolina

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